

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend Claims 1 and 7 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image pickup apparatus comprising:
a memory for storing ~~as white data~~ first image data obtained from an image pickup element, and for storing data extracted from the first image data, in an area of the memory different from the area of the first image data, in accordance with a predetermined file format; and

a control unit for ~~converting~~ correcting color of second image data either (i) obtained from an object different from that of the first image data or (ii) obtained at a timing different from that of the first image data, on the basis of the data extracted from the first image data, wherein said second image data is obtained from the image pickup element and stored ~~into a file so that the first image data stored in said memory is in an area different from that of the second image data~~ in accordance with the predetermined file format.

2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said memory stores a plurality of first image data to extract the data for use as white balance data.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 2, further comprising:
a display unit adapted to display the first and second image data;
a switching member for switching the ~~second~~ first image data to be

displayed on said display unit; and

a determination member for determining the ~~second~~ first image data to be displayed on said display unit as image data for adjusting a white balance of the ~~first~~ second image data.

4. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the first image data is an average value of each color component obtained from the image pickup element.

5. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the first image data is image data of a central portion of an image picked up by the image pickup element.

6. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the first image data is different from a white balance adjustment value for adjusting the second image data.

7. (Previously Presented) An image pickup apparatus comprising:
a memory adapted to store reference data based on image data picked up with first and second light sources, and to store specific data based on image data picked up by an image pickup device of said image pickup apparatus with said first and second light source; and

a control device adapted to read out from a detachable recording medium an image file and white balance data stored in the image file, and to correct the read-out white balance data according to reference data and the specific data stored in said memory.